

# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL

POLICY

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# **Immigration Laws**

## 2.5.1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to members of the Springfield Police Department relating to immigration and interacting with federal immigration officials.

### 2.5.1.2 **POLICY**

It is the policy of the Springfield Police Department that all members make personal and professional commitments to equal enforcement of the law and equal service to the public. Confidence in this commitment will increase the effectiveness of this department in protecting and serving the entire community and recognizing the dignity of all persons, regardless of their national origin or immigration status.

## 2.5.1.3 VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

To encourage crime reporting and cooperation in the investigation of criminal activity, all individuals, regardless of their immigration status, must feel secure that contacting or being addressed by members of law enforcement will not automatically lead to immigration inquiry and/ or deportation. While it may be necessary to determine the identity of a victim or witness, members shall treat all individuals equally and not in any way that would violate the United States or Oregon constitutions.

## 2.5.1.4 DETENTIONS

This department does not participate in routine immigration investigation and enforcement activities (ORS 181A.820).

An officer shall not detain any individual, for any length of time, whose only violation of law is a civil violation of federal immigration laws or a related civil warrant.

An officer who has a reasonable suspicion that an individual already lawfully contacted or detained has committed a criminal violation of federal immigration law may detain the person for a reasonable period of time in order to contact federal immigration officials to verify whether an immigration violation is a federal civil violation or a criminal violation. If the violation is a criminal violation, the officer may continue to detain the person for a reasonable period of time if requested by federal immigration officials (8 USC § 1357(g)(10)). No individual who is otherwise ready to be released shall continue to be detained only because questions about the individual's status are unresolved.

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If the officer has facts that establish probable cause to believe that a person already lawfully detained has committed a criminal immigration offense, he/she may continue the detention and may request a federal immigration official to respond to the location to take custody of the detained person (8 USC § 1357(g)(10)).

An officer may arrest any person who is the subject of an arrest warrant issued by a federal magistrate for a criminal violation of federal immigration laws (ORS 181A.820).

An officer should notify a supervisor as soon as practicable whenever an individual is being detained or arrested for a criminal immigration violation.

#### 2.5.1.5 **IMMIGRATION INQUIRIES PROHIBITED**

An officer shall not inquire into an individual's immigration status, citizenship status, or country of birth except where allowed by law (2021 Oregon Laws, H.B. 3265 § 2).

#### 2.5.1.6 INDIVIDUAL RIGHT NOTIFICATION

To ensure compliance with all treaty obligations, including consular notification and state and federal laws, an officer should ensure individuals who are detained receive an explanation in writing, with interpretation into another language if requested, of the following (2021 Oregon Laws, H.B. 3265 § 2):

- The individual's right to refuse to disclose the individual's nationality, citizenship, or (a) immigration status.
- That the disclosure of the individual's nationality, citizenship, or immigration status may result (b) in a civil or criminal immigration enforcement, including removal from the United States.

### 2.5.1.7 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

When notified that an officer has detained an individual and established reasonable suspicion or probable cause to believe the person has violated a criminal immigration offense, the supervisor should determine whether it is appropriate to:

- (a) Transfer the person to federal authorities.
- Lawfully arrest the person for a criminal offense or pursuant to a judicial warrant. (b)

### 2.5.1.8 FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS

Occasionally, while conducting patrol operations, records checks may reveal Federal Administrative Warrants, which are identified in the body of a NCIC record as "Administrative Warrant." The NCIC record may also indicate the details as "Immigration Violation." Personnel are not authorized to take individuals into custody or extend the duration of detention or contact on the sole basis of these Federal Administrative Warrants.

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## 2.5.1.9 ARREST NOTIFICATION TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Generally, an officer should not notify federal immigration officials when booking arrestees at a jail facility. Any required notification will be handled according to jail operation procedures. No individual who is otherwise ready to be released should continue to be detained solely for the purpose of notification.

## 2.5.1.10 FEDERAL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Requests by federal immigration officials for assistance from this department should be directed to a supervisor. The Department may provide available support services (unrelated to immigration enforcement), such as peacekeeping efforts (2021 Oregon Laws, H.B. 3265 § 3).

## 2.5.1.11 FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS AND DOCUMENTATION

Any requests from federal immigration officials for assistance relating to immigration enforcement (other than a judicial subpoena) shall be declined and the communication or request shall be documented. The documentation shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police or the authorized designee. The Chief of Police or the authorized designee should ensure the documentation is forwarded to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (OCJC) as prescribed by the OCJC (2021 Oregon Laws, H.B. 3265 § 3).

## 2.5.1.12 INFORMATION SHARING

No member of this department will prohibit, or in any way restrict, any other member from doing any of the following regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual (8 USC § 1373, 2021 Oregon Laws, H.B. 3265 § 2):

- (a) Sending information to, or requesting or receiving such information from federal immigration officials
- (b) Maintaining such information in department records
- (c) Exchanging such information with any other federal, state, or local government entity Nothing in this policy restricts sharing information that is permissible under Oregon State Law.

## 2.5.1.13 IMMIGRATION DETAINERS

No individual should be held based solely on a federal immigration detainer under 8 CFR 287.7 unless the person has been charged with a federal crime or the detainer is accompanied by a warrant, affidavit of probable cause, or removal order. Notification to the federal authority issuing the detainer should be made prior to the release.

## 2.5.1.14 NON-DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION

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Except as required by state or federal law, members should not disclose for the purpose of enforcement of federal immigration laws the following information about a person or his/her known relatives or associates, whether current or otherwise (ORS 180.805):

- (a) The person's address
- (b) The person's workplace or hours of work
- (c) The person's school or school hours
- (d) The person's contact information, including telephone number, email address, or social media account information
- (e) The identity of known associates or relatives of the person
- (f) The date, time, or location of a person's hearings, proceedings, or appointments with the Department that are not matters of public record

## 2.5.1.15 TRAINING

The Training Sergeant should ensure officers receive training on updates or revisions to this policy.

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